

Town of Mansfield
Town Council Ordinance Development and Review Subcommittee for the proposed Parking Regulation
revisions and new Traffic and Parking Ordinance
Minutes of the Meeting – March 7, 2012

Present: Council members: Shapiro, Paulhus & Ryan; Hultgren (staff), O'Brien (Town Attorney)

The meeting was convened at approximately 4:35 PM in Conference Room B of the Town Office Building. Shapiro was elected chairperson by acclamation.

Hultgren explained the development process for the proposed regulations to regulate parking in the Storrs Center area (revisions to Chapter A-198 of the Town's regulations) and the proposed ordinance to allow for the enforcement of all Town parking regulations via hearing officers and the courts (a new, two-article ordinance to be known as Chapter 182).

Shapiro asked about signs posted by a member of the Storrs Center parking Cooperative. Hultgren said that while no specific standards for signs were included in the regulations, these could be added at a later date. He said that signage could also be covered in the training for special constables that will be required.

Discussion ensued from all present about the process that the Town Manager would use to remove a constable and whether this should be included in the regulations or not. (Current wording says that a special constable may be removed for cause). O'Brien will look at the enabling statute and report on the advisability of adding more process language.

After discussion of whether or not a special constable would have the power to enforce parking on property not under his/her control, O'Brien was directed to draft additional language outlining the specific authority of special constables for section A-198-5a D.

Ryan suggested eliminating the phrase "in any year" from the applicable sections in both the regulations and ordinance.

O'Brien explained the reasoning behind having a new ordinance (Chapter 182) similar to the ordinances already adopted to enforce fines in other areas the Town assesses.

Some discussion on the hearing officers took place. O'Brien said that a manual and session reviewing it would be held in the near future with the Town's 3 existing hearing officers.

Shapiro suggested either adding the length of time persons have to pay their fines to the ordinance or referencing the section in the regulations that specifies this time period.

O'Brien and Hultgren will redraft the regulations and ordinance to incorporate the above suggestions and circulate it to committee members prior to the next meeting, which will be set after the changes are completed and distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works